[English]

Entry permit to visit Nagaland and Mizoram

3929. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
DR. LAXMI NARAYAN PANDEYA:
DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873, Indian citizens, not normally resident in certain parts of Nagaland and Mizoram, require Inner Line Permit to visit these areas;

(b) if so, the changes , if any, made during the last two decades to facilitate the entry of Indian citizens into Nagaland and Mizoram without being required to obtain Inner Line Permit;

(c) whether the Inner Line Permit System is also applicable in the State of Meghalaya; and

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The requirement to obtain Inner Line Permit continues.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Telephone Connections in District Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu

3930. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the steps taken to the Government to reduce the large number of pending applications for telephone connections in Tamil Nadu, particularly in Kanyakumari District?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Department of Telecommunications has fomulated draft 8th five year plan (1992-97) for telecom development and it is envisaged to:-

—Provide telephone connections practically on demand in rural and tribal areas.

—Waiting period for telephone connections not to exceed two years at large telephone systems.

Accordingly expansion programmes are being drawn for Tamilnadu & Kanyakuman (Distt. of Tamil Nadu State) n order to fulfil the above objective by the end of the 8th Plan period.

In Kanyakumari distt. gross switching capacity would be added by 2220 lines during 1991-92 resulting in addition of net switching capacity by 1390 lines. This will bring down the present waiting list (2840) in Kanyakumari District. Further clearing of waiting list will be through the plans of subsequent years.

[Translation]

Fencing of Indo-Pak Border

3931. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether fencing of Indo-Pak ' order has been erected upto some distance from the piller of "International Border" as a result of which cultivable land of farmers has also come inside the fencing;

(b) whether farmers face great difficulty in cultivation due to the repeated checking